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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/917,261, filed on July 26, 2001 entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RELIABLY REPLICATING DATA by the following inventor(s):

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1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 14 pages of specification, 9 claims, 1 page of abstract, 6 sheets of drawings, and 8 pages of oath or declaration.
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2. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
3. Cancel original claims 7-17 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 7	-20	0	x \$ 18.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 2	-3	0	x \$172.00	0.00
BASIC FILING FEE:				\$770.00
TOTAL FILING FEE:				\$770.00

4. Payment of fees:
 - Attached is a Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$770.00
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
6. An amendment has been made in the specification according to the attached Preliminary Amendment by inserting before the first line of the first page the paragraph:

"This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/917,261, filed July 26, 2001, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."
7. The prior application is assigned of record to Microsoft Corporation located at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052.
8. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Merchant & Gould P.C.
9. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

10. A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until March 24, 2004. A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
11. Address all future communications to the **Attention of Joshua W. Korver** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
12. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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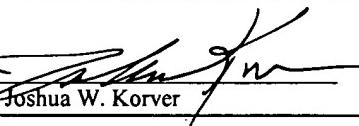
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Serial No.:	09/917,261	Group Art Unit:	2175
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By: 
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 24, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 24, 2004 to March 24, 20043.

A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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